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- The skin-facing sheet 5 and the leak-barrier sheets 15 may be formed from an elastically stretchable hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric obtained by melt blown or spun bond process. Components of such elastic stretchable nonwoven fabric may be stretchable fibers obtained by melting and spinning thermoplastic elastomer resin. The elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric may be a composite nonwoven fabric consisting of a hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric made of thermoplastic elastomer resin fibers and a hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric comprising crimped fibers which are obtained by melting and spinning thermoplastic synthetic resin such as polypropylene, polyethylene or polyester bonded to at least one surface of the hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric.

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Please replace the last paragraph on page 20 and continuing on page 21 with the following:

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- In the diaper 1B of Fig. 6, it is also possible to form the leak-barrier sheets 15 from an inelastic hydrophobic fibrous nonwoven fabric. In this case, the fixed top regions of the leak-barrier sheets 15 may be joined to the surface of the skin-facing sheet 7 under extension in the longitudinal direction with its surface opposed to the leak-barrier sheets 15 and then the skin-facing sheet 7 may be attached under extension in the longitudinal direction to the skin-facing side 2 of the diaper 1B.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A disposable undergarment having longitudinally opposite end regions and transversely opposite side regions and comprising:
a liquid-impervious base sheet defining a non-skin-facing side;